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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Addendum

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that HIV/AIDS is an increasing worldwide problem that jeopardizes the achievements of economic and social development efforts,

Recalling its decision 91/9 of 25 June 1991, in which the Council noted the policy framework for the response of the United Nations Development Programme to the HIV/AIDS pandemic (DP/1991/57),

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/203 of 20 December 1991, Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/66 of 26 July 1991, and World Health Assembly resolution WHA 45.35 of 14 May 1992,

1. Takes note of the section in the annual report of the Administrator on HIV and Development (DP/1992/12, paragraphs 46-47), and of the establishment of the HIV and Development Programme;

2. Reaffirms the importance of the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme partnership in combating the pandemic;

3. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to continue and further strengthen collaboration with the World Health Organization, through their respective headquarters and in particular at the country level, within the framework of the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS 1992 update, the WHO/UNDP Alliance to Combat AIDS and national HIV/AIDS programmes;

4. Emphasizes strongly the need for increased attention and complementary urgent action at the field level by the United Nations Development Programme and its partners in the United Nations development system, taking into account the mandate and comparative advantages of each organization;

5. Also emphasizes the need to mobilize community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations, HIV-related regional institutions, private sector organizations, and other institutions and groups in the planning and implementation of national efforts to address the pandemic;

6. Requests the Administrator to conduct, through the Central Evaluation Office, an assessment of United Nations Development Programme activities to combat HIV/AIDS, beginning with a group of developing countries, with the particular purposes of:

(a) Examining the degree to which the United Nations Development Programme is using the coordinating role of resident representatives to support the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS in the implementation of the Global Strategy and is encouraging national leadership to take a multisectoral and multi-ministry approach to addressing the AIDS threat and the consequences of the pandemic for economic and social development; and

(b) Identifying those activities that have been effective, citing the specific reasons for their success and problems encountered;

7. Further requests the Administrator to review the policy framework for the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the Global Strategy, the results of the 1992 World Health Assembly and the debate in the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS Management Committee in June 1992 regarding the future role of the World Health Organization in combating AIDS and to introduce any refinements necessary;

8. Requests the Administrator to include in his report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) the results of the implementation of this decision.